

## CREEK AWARENESS

Protecting our water resources is everyone's responsibility. As residents along our creeks, we especially need your help in ensuring that our waterways are kept free of debris and vegetation.

Foreign objects can create damming and may cause floods during the rainy season. Having a clean creek enhances the surrounding habitat, and allows water to flow smoothly and naturally to the bay.

In addition, these waterways fall under the jurisdiction of the US Department of Fish and Wildlife, US Corp of Engineers and the California Regional Water Quality Control Board. Any construction work in or along the creek require permits from these agencies.

You can help us maintain a health creek system by:

- Disposing of yard clipping in the green waste containers
- Keeping creek bank along your property free of debris
- Contacting the City Building Department for appropriate permits before performing construction work along the creek
- Using non-toxic pest control methods : [www.ourwaterworld.org](http://www.ourwaterworld.org)
- Reporting illegal dumping to our Public Works Department

If you would like additional pollution prevention information or to be included in volunteer opportunities, you may contact the Public Works Department at 650-595-7425 or visit our webpage at [www.belmont.gov](http://www.belmont.gov).

Through the success of the city and county stormwater programs in the Bay Area, the water quality of the Bay will improve. With improved water quality, the marine ecosystem will become healthier. A healthier marine ecosystem will enhance the quality of life for all residents around the Bay.